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BEGIN SUMMARY: BANDARANAIKE VISIT PRODUCED STANDARD COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON THIRD WORLD/NONALIGNED ISSUES, NON-CONTENTIOUS COMPROMISE FORMULATIONS ON INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE AND PORTUGUESE TIMOR, AND NO ESSENTIAL CHANGE IN POLITE BUT NON-INTENSE GOI-GSL RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. SRI LANKA PM BANDARANAIKE MADE FIVE-DAY STATE VISIT TO INDONESIA JAN. 20-24. PROGRAM WAS LARGELY CEREMONIAL, INCLUDING STANDARD STATE GUEST SIDETRIPS TO YOGYAKARTA AND BALI IN ADDITION TO EXCHANGE OF BANQUETS AND OFFICIAL CALL AND TALKS IN JAKARTA.

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2. TWO HOURS OF SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WITH SUHARTO MORNING

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JAN. 21 FEATURED REVIEW OF NUTUAL POSITIONS ON CURRENT THIRD-WORLD AND NONALIGNED CONCERNS LOOKING TOWARD COLOMBO NONALIGNED SUMMIT IN AUGUST. ON ONLY POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE SUBJECTS, INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE (IOZP) PROPOSAL AND INDONESIAN POLICY ON PORTUGUESE TIMOR (PT), TALKS WERE NON-CONTENTIOUS AND PRODUCED COMPROMISE LANGUAGE IN JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JAN. 24 COVERING DIFFERENCES OF VIEW.

3. ON IOZP, COMMUNIQUE NOTED CONCERN OF BOTH LEADERS OVER "INCREASING BIG POWER PRESENCE IN THE INDIAN OCEAN" AND JOINT COMMITMENT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF UN DECLARATION ON ZONE, THUS GIVING NOD TO IOZP AND PROPONENTS' VIEW THAT ZONE WOULD REMOVE COMPETITION (AS STATED BY MRS. BANDARANAIKE IN BANQUET SPEECH) WHILE LEAVING ROOM FOR UNPUBLICIZED BUT FIRMLY HELD GOI BELIEF THAT FACT OF COMPETITION RENDERS ZONE CONCEPT LARGELY IMPRAC-TICABLE. GOI FONOFF EAST ASIA DEPUTY AKOSAH TOLD POLCOUNS GOI BELIEVES SRI LANKA NOW LESS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER IOZP THAN PREVIOUSLY, COMMENTING "THEY UNDERSTAND SOVIET PROBLEM NOW."

4. ON PT, COMMUNIQUE RECORDED BOTH THAT SUHARTO EXPLAINED INDONESIAN LACK OF TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS IN TIMOR AND SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL DECOLONIZATION PROCESS AND THAT BANDARANAIKE NOTED SETTLEMENT OF QUESTION WOULD BE BASED ON "PRINCIPLES OF SELF-DETERMINATION." COMMENT: SRI LANKA HAD VOTED AGAINST INDONESIA IN UNGA COMMITTEE DEBATE ON TIMOR (DUE, ACCORDING TO AKOSAH, TO COMMUNI-CATIONS PROBLEMS BETWEEN COLOMBO AND NEW YORK), BUT CHANGED TO ABSTENTION IN PLENARY VOTING. SOME JAKARTA OBSERVERS HAD SUGGESTED NEGATIVE COMMITTEE VOTE WOULD RAISE PROBLEMS DURING VISIT, BUR WE DOUBT GOI SERIOUSLY EXPECTED ACTIVE GSL SUPPORT IN UN OR TOOK PARTICULAR UMBRAGE OVER CEYLONESE VOTES, AND WE BEILEVE GOI SATIS-FIED WITH ULTIMATE GSL NON-OPPOSITION. END COMMENT.

5. COMMUNIQUE ALSO NOTED BANDARANAIKE SUPPORT FOR INDONESIAN ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE. OTHERWISE, COMMUNIQUE MAINLY REVIEWED STANDARD POSITIONS ON WORLD POLITICAL
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QUESTIONS -- WELCOMING RESTORATION OF PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND CALLING FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN MIDDLE EAST AND ON CURBING ARMS RACE -- AND ECONOMIC/DEVELOPMENT ISSUES. BOTH AGREED THAT WIDENING DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING NATIONS ECONOMIC GAP HINDERED LASTING PEACE, SUPPORTED CREATION OF NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, AND NOTED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE OF STABLE COMMODITY EARNINGS. ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, COMMUNIQUE MENTIONED ONLY UNSPECIFIED

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COOPERATION IN RUBBER AND TEA COMMODITY TRADE.

6. FOLLOWING OFFICIAL TALKS, MRS. BANDARANAIKE TOLD PRESS (AND MALIK CONCURRED) THAT SUHARTO MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND COLOMBO SUMMIT DUE TO CONFLICTS WITH INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS IN MID-AUGUST. JOINT COMMUNIQUE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT PM HAD INVITED SUHARTOS TO MAKE OFFICIAL VISIT TO SRI LANKA AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE AND SUHARTO ACCEPTED.

7. COMMENT: DESPITE GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC TIES, GOI-GSL RELATIONS HAVE NEVER BEEN PARTICULARLY INTENSE. BANDARANAIKE VISIT BRUSHED UP SURFACE RELATIONS AND "SOLIDARITY" PRIOR TO COLOMBO SUMMIT, BUT OTHERWISE LEFT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED.

8. COMMUNIQUE AND BANQUET SPEECHES BEING POUCHED DEPT. AND COLOMBO.
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